

## FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 27, 2021

American Lutheran Church, Filley, Nebraska, 402-662-3125

Rev. Fred Andersen, Supply Pastor

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 30)

P: Sing praises to the LORD, and give thanks to God's holy name

**C: for the LORD our God has healed us when we cried for help and restored us in times of deepest despair.**

P: The LORD has turned our sorrow into dancing;

**C: taken our sackcloth from us, and clothed us with joy.**

P: Sing to the LORD without end,

**C: and give thanks to the LORD forever.**

P: Eternal and ever present God,

**C: sustain and excite our gathered community; arouse our expectancy; subdue our expectations.**

P: Come, silent Spirit, and embrace us.

**C: Let the words we see and hear and speak and sing be transformed by the Word made flesh, that our worship may be wholly yours, Lord God.**

GATHERING HYMN: "We Praise You, O God" LBW 241

**1. We praise you, O God, our redeemer, creator; in grateful devotion our tribute we bring. We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you; we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.**

**2. We worship you, God of our fathers, we bless you; through trial and tempest our guide you have been. When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us, and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.**

**3. With voices united our praises we offer and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise. With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us. To you, our great redeemer, forever be praise!**

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*(silence for reflection and self-examination)*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: Let us pray...

**C: Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### FIRST READING: Lamentations 3:22-33

<sup>22</sup>The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; <sup>23</sup>they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. <sup>24</sup>"The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." <sup>25</sup>The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. <sup>26</sup>It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. <sup>27</sup>It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth, <sup>28</sup>to sit alone in silence when the Lord has imposed it, <sup>29</sup>to put one's mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope), <sup>30</sup>to give one's cheek to the smiter, and be filled with insults. <sup>31</sup>For the Lord will not reject forever. <sup>32</sup>Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; <sup>33</sup>for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

### SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

<sup>7</sup>Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. <sup>8</sup>I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. <sup>9</sup>For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. <sup>10</sup>And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—<sup>11</sup>now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. <sup>12</sup>For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. <sup>13</sup>I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between <sup>14</sup>your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. <sup>15</sup>As it is written, "The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little."

### GOSPEL: Mark 5:21-43

<sup>21</sup>When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. <sup>22</sup>Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet <sup>23</sup>and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." <sup>24</sup>So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. <sup>25</sup>Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. <sup>26</sup>She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. <sup>27</sup>She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, <sup>28</sup>for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." <sup>29</sup>Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. <sup>30</sup>Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" <sup>31</sup>And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" <sup>32</sup>He looked all around to see who had done it. <sup>33</sup>But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. <sup>34</sup>He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

<sup>35</sup>While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" <sup>36</sup>But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the

synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." <sup>37</sup>He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. <sup>38</sup>When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. <sup>39</sup>When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." <sup>40</sup>And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. <sup>41</sup>He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" <sup>42</sup>And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. <sup>43</sup>He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

MESSAGE

Pastor Fred Andersen

### HYMN OF THE DAY: "God! When Human Bonds Are Broken"

(Tune: Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service)

- 1. God! When human bonds are broken and we lack the love or skill, to restore the hope of healing, give us grace and make us still. Through that stillness, with your Spirit, come into our world of stress, for the sake of Christ forgiving all the failures we confess.**
- 2. Send us, God of new beginnings, humbly hopeful into life. Use us as a means of blessing: make us stronger, give us faith. Give us strength to be more faithful, give us hope to be more true, give us love to go on learning: God! Encourage and renew!**

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### APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

God of hope, the ministry of your church extends across borders, from nearby neighbors to far and distant countries. Accompany all those who labor eagerly in service of the gospel, that through your good news all might experience transformation. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, we give you thanks for the air we breathe, the water we drink, the land that provides our food. Guard all species of plants and animals from harsh changes in climate and empower us to protect all you have made. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Righteous God, we pray for nations and their leaders. Give them a spirit of compassion and steer them towards a fair distribution of resources; that none among us would have too much or too little. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of healing, your touch has the power to make us whole. We pray for those suffering from physical or mental illness. Embrace those who are sick. Surround them with your unwavering presence. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for this assembly and all those gathered together in worship. Revive our spirits, renew our relationships, and rekindle our faith, that we might experience resurrection in this community. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the faithful ancestors in every age whose lives have pointed us towards you. Envelop them in your love, that we may be reunited with one another in the last days. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

**Amen.**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

#### BENEDICTION

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May his face shine upon you with grace and mercy. May He look upon you with favor and grant you peace. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

#### CLOSING HYMN: "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine" WOV 780

**1. What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms. What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

Chorus: **Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms. Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**2. Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms. Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms. (Chorus)**

**3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms? I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms. (Chorus)**

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#### SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!** It's wonderful to gather as the body of Christ to worship and give thanks to God! Thanks be to God for all of you here in person, in the parking lot and on-line!

**OUR THANKS** to Pastor Fred Andersen for being our supply pastor this morning. It's good to have you back with us.

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** our shut-ins.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Peyton Keedy (June 27), Randy Schmidt, Melissa McKernan (June 28), Kelbie Kagy, Earl Pobanz, Tanner Schmidt (June 29), Hayley Wilgers, Elliott Lenner (July 1), Ron Lenner (July 3), Steve Knoche (July 6), Tom Young (July 7), Victoria Grabau, Brenda Hippen (July 10).

**HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY** to Rob & Michelle Scott (7-1-15), Scott & Dayna Anderson (7-9-94), Jeff & Wendy Garrels (7-10-93).

**THE LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE** will be meeting after church this morning to discuss upcoming expenditures.

**IF IN NEED OF PASTORAL CARE:** Please call one of our council people – their phone numbers are listed at the end of this bulletin under “Worship Helpers”. They will be able to get in touch with the area pastor who is covering us at that time.

**VISITATION SUNDAY** will be next Sunday, July 4. Please take this time to visit the church of your choice and bring back bulletins/ideas for American Lutheran!

**THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING** of American Lutheran Church will be held Sunday, July 18, following worship.

**FREE SNACK TRAYS:** We have cleaned out our snack trays - they are on the table downstairs and are free for whoever wants any. Take some home or give to someone. If you know of someone or a place that can use them let Carol or Betty know. The ones that are not picked up will be donated.

**JUNE THRIVENT ACTION PROJECT:** All items need to be at church by July 1. **THANK YOU to everyone who participated in this ministry.**

We are supporting families that stay at the Ronald McDonald's House in Omaha. On the table in the narthex is a Wish List of donations we are collecting through June, along with collecting can tabs. There is a jar in back of church for the tabs. Monetary donations are being accepted too. In 2020, the Ronald McDonald's House in Omaha hosted 196 families from 22 states who spent a total of 4,777 nights - with an average stay of 35 days - at the House. Half of these families were making the trip to Omaha for the first time. When your loved one is being transferred to a hospital further away from home, one doesn't have time to pack everything they need. Each of these items helps make their stay at the house a little more comfortable while they are caring for their sick child. The NICU (Newborn Intensive Care Unit @Nebraska Medical Center) will receive 33 lap blankets to be given to families of NICU babies. If you want to know more, take the Virtual Tour on their website (<https://rmhcomaha.org/>) or on FaceBook. A Thrivent Action Team Card for this project is provided by Virgil & Pat Jobman

**SIGN-UP SHEET FOR FELLOWSHIP HOUR:** Please sign the sheet on the table in the narthex if you would be willing to host Fellowship Hour. As of now, we are serving individually bagged cookies/treats. Thank you for your help!

**THE VIRGINIA LEGION** is having their Chicken BBQ on July 11. Serving 11 to 1 with drive through service as well.

**HELP NEEDED:** We have quilt blocks downstairs on the table in the Fellowship for people who are willing to sew them together. Also, blankets for hemming. Thank you for your ministry!

**PLEASE DONATE TO OUR LOCAL FOOD PANTRY:** American Lutheran Church gathers food donations for the Community Pantry and Emergency Services in Beatrice on an ongoing basis. The Food Pantry serves all of Gage County. If you would like to give to this ministry, please leave your donated items in the shopping cart in the Fellowship Hall at any time. NO glass jars, please. **THANK YOU for your continued support to this ministry!**

**SUNMART RECEIPTS:** Thanks to everyone who has been saving their SunMart receipts! SunMart/Spartan Nash Co. supports a fundraising program called "Support Our Schools and Churches." All you have to do is save your SunMart cash register receipt tapes and put them in the box in the Fellowship Hall (or give to a council person). When we have collected \$150,000 in receipt tapes Spartan Nash Company awards us a check for \$1000. We have reached our goal of \$150,000 two times so far and are starting over again with a balance of about \$9,000.00. You can also ask your check-out person if they have any extra receipts. They save the ones that people don't want and give them out – first come, first serve. Thank you to everyone who is helping with this ministry!

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